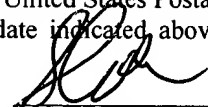


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an Office Action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

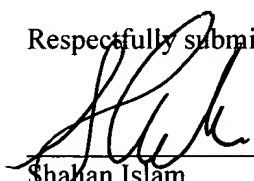
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 and add Claim 5 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3";

5. (New) The hydraulic circuit of Claim 3, wherein each motor drive acts only on one drive circuit of a respective drive group.

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